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In the U.S. Nationalization
Application of PCT/JP00/00073

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Application No. ~~To Be Assigned~~ 09/857967

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For: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR PEENING AND CLEANING METAL SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 4-6, 9-13, 18, 19, 21 and 22 as set forth below in clean form below. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claims 4-6, 9-13, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached hereto as APPENDIX.

A1 --4. A metal part and other surface modification and cleaning method according to Claim 2, in which a substance with different acoustic impedance is inserted between said first and second vessels.--

--5. A metal part and other surface modification and cleaning method according to Claim 2, in which the fluid in said first vessel has its temperature controlled by controlling the temperature of the fluid that fills the space between said first and second vessels.--